

Snowboarder Hight takes 7th at Copper Mountain

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COPPER MOUNTAIN, Colo. -- Under clear skies and chilly temperatures, Luke Mitrani (Mammoth Lakes) and Olympic champion Kelly Clark (West Dover, Vt.) led the United States on Jan. 12 by finishing second at the Sprint U.S. Grand Prix at Copper Mountain.

Australia's Nathan Johnstone and Torah Bright took the wins.

It was the first domestic stop for athletes to gain Olympic qualifying points and 5Star World Snowboard event points.

Five American men finished in the top seven including Zach Black (Breckenridge, Colo.) in fifth, Greg Bretz (Mammoth Lakes) sixth, and Benji Farrow (Ludlow, Vt.) seventh.

Similarly, five U.S. women cracked the top seven including Arielle Gold (Steamboat Springs, Colo.) fourth, Kaitlyn Farrington (Bellevue, Idaho) fifth, Ellery Hollingsworth (Darien, Conn.) sixth and Elena Hight (South Lake Tahoe) seventh.